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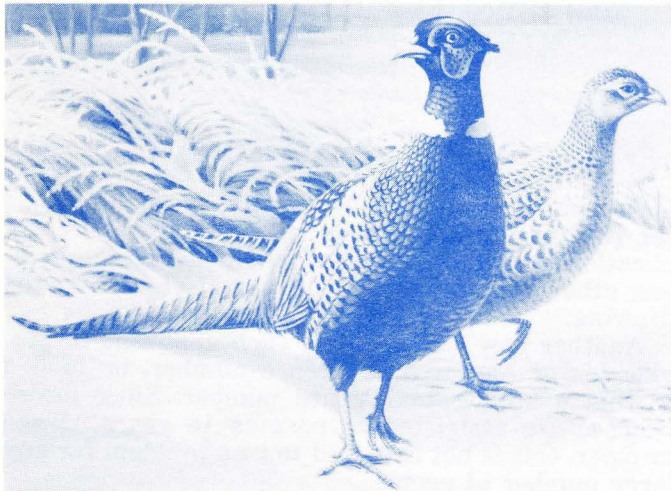
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New State Pheasant Stamp Selected

The winner of the picture for Minnesota's first official pheasant stamp was Daniel Smith of Eden Prairie. His painting was selected from 142 entries and shows.



The actual picture is a winter scene of a hen pheasant with a rooster strutting through light snow. Behind the birds are bent over snowy weeds and shrubs.

Smith attended Mankato State University and then took art courses at Mankato VO Tech. Although Dan has occasionally painted wild life it has only been the past several years that he spent his time exclusively on wild life.

Runner-up in the competition was Mario Fernandez of Edina. Following in order were Theresa Marshel, Owatonna; Les Kouba, Minneapolis; David Maass, Waterville; Chris Christianson, Hollandale; Gary Moss, Cambridge and Ron Van Gilder, Cedar.

The original bill enacted into law last month was written by one of our MAFLAS directors, Milton Price, well known St. Paul attorney.

The new law requires all pheasant hunters, aged 18 to 64 to buy a \$5 pheasant stamp in addition to the regular small game license.

It's Time To Decide On New Options!

To the MAFLAS Membership:

Most of our members and the general public are aware of the years of hard work that MAFLAS spent in an effort to get the Legislature to pass the bill authorizing the first state pheasant stamp.

With the law enacted and an appreciation made of one million dollars for a pheasant restoration project during the next two years. MAFLAS must realign their sights and concentrate on another objective.

It is time that we again make an all out attempt to build a more harmonious relationship between the farmers, landowners and the sportsmen.

We would like to have the membership become more actively involved in this complicated program, so would the members concerned please send a card or letter to the MAFLAS office with your suggestions on how this problem might get resolved.

It would be extremely helpful for our farmer members to take the time out to summarize the problems as they see it and make suggestions that they believe will help improve our relationship.

I need and want you help so please take the time to give us your thoughts.

Thanks,
Don Ledin

State Received Federal Aid Funds For Fish, Wildlife Projects

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources received \$1,260,520 in federal aid monies during fiscal year 1983 for assistance with it's fisheries programs, the fourth highest figure among all the states.

The state ranked seventh among the states in the receipt of federal aid funds for wildlife restoration projects with a figure of \$2,951,643.

Funds to finance the fish and wildlife restoration programs are derived from federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment.

For the entire nation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that \$32.7 million was apportioned for fish restoration projects and \$88.2 million for wildlife projects during the fiscal year.

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Pheasant Stamp Kick-Off

To commemorate passage of the new state pheasant stamp MAFLAS held a kick-off event at the Medina Ballroom on May 5th. Although the crowd was not as large as expected, a great time was had by those who did attend.

Among the celebrities who worked hard to make the event a success and added a great deal of humor to the program was wrestling champion, Vern Gagne; former Viking greats Bill Brown and Dave Osborn; DNR Commissioner Joe Alexander and our congenial master of ceremonies Dan Hertsgaard, WCCO radio personality.

Committee co-chairmen were Art Schoening, Greenfield and Bob Raskob, Medina. Their committee of seven local residents worked many hours to get local participation and many door prizes.

Both auctions and raffles were held with Jim Peterson, editor and publisher of Outdoor News winning the big prize, a three wheel Yamaha Trio Moto—200.

Seventy-seven organizations provided over 100 door prizes, which were given away, auctioned or raffled off. Included in these prizes were a one year hunting membership at a private hunting preserve and a three-day fishing trip for two at Skabakong Bay, Lake of the Woods in Ontario.

From the proceeds MAFLAS donated another \$1,000 to DNR for pheasant habitat, and another 53 farmers and sportsmen joined our organization.

DNR Reports Status Of Protected Waters and Wetlands Inventory

There are no accurate figures on the original extent of lakes and marshes in Minnesota, but the Department of Natural Resources says reliable estimates place the acreage at between 12 and 15 million.

Prior to the Department's present Protected Waters and Wetlands Inventory Program, the only statewide survey of "wetlands" was conducted by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1953.

This survey identified over 2.6 million acres of wetlands remaining; however, only about 1.2 million acres of these remaining wetlands were types 3, 4 or 5 wetlands (the more permanent water bodies currently protected under Minnesota law).

With over three-fourths of Minnesota's 87 counties having completed an inventory of their present protected waters and wetlands, the Department is projecting that the present acreage of Minnesota's remaining lakes and marshes will be slightly over 2 3/4 million acres.

About 1/4 million acres of these waters will be identified as type 3, 4 or 5 wetlands—a drop of 79 percent since 1953. Overall, Minnesota has lost 78 percent of its original surface water acreage since the mid 1800's.

MAFLAS Has A Booth At The Northwest Sportsman Show

For the second consecutive year MAFLAS had a booth in the Cedar Room at the Northwest Sport Show which ran from March 25th through Easter Sunday.

The show was successful both from a financial standpoint and getting the public to become better acquainted with MAFLAS and its objectives.

All three pheasant prints and the 1981-82 and 1983 pheasant stamps sold exceptionally well. We are finding out that we have some super salesmen among the MAFLAS membership.

Very few people got by Bert Nordstrom, Mark Bohn, Jim Paulos and Steve Zeece. Two members of the fairer sex joined us and did a good job of explaining the woman's view on MAFLAS.

Glenna Price and Clara Soash are both to be commended for contributing their help during the busy Easter season.

We sincerely appreciate all of the members who spent time at the show.

New Rules For 1983 Moose Season

Wildlife officials at the Department of Natural Resources are telling those who want to hunt moose in Minnesota about several new special regulations in effect for this year's season.

Most important is a law passed by the 1982 legislature that says anyone who previously obtained a Minnesota moose hunting license may not have one for the following five seasons. This year, any application that lists any previous moose license holders, other than for 1971, will be rejected from the drawing.

Another new rule requires each applicant to provide his or her driver's license number, or in lieu of that a Minnesota ID card number. Since moose licenses are restricted to persons 16 years of age or older, this is not expected to be a problem for any large number of people.

There are other regulations that have not changed over the years but are still the source of questions, say wildlife officials. All of the provisions are listed in the Moose Hunt Information booklet provided for this season, but for emphasis the DNR points out the following:

- Applications for permits must be made in parties of four.
- To qualify for the "landowner/tenant" drawing for the zones in northwestern Minnesota, each person applying must either own or live on and farm at least 160 acres of agricultural land.
- There is no way to determine in which zone a person has the best chance of obtaining a permit until after all the applications are in. The chances for winning that applied for previous seasons do not hold with the increased zones and permits available this year.
- The best available clue to relative moose numbers among zones is provided by the number of permits being given in relation to the size of the area.
- Applications and information booklets are available from license agents, county auditor's offices and DNR headquarters around the state.
- The deadline to apply for the drawing is June 16. Only Minnesota residents are eligible.



Honored guest Harlan Yager, Farmer of the Year with President Bob Crepeau.



Left to right: Loral I. Delaney, Bill Brown, Bob Lurtsema, Kathy Flynn and Pat Richie.



Left to right: Chuck Walters, Mick Tinglehoff, Loral I. Delaney. Standing: Dave Osborne and Vern Gagne.

New FFA Book Produced

W. J. Kortesmaki, former FFA Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Future Farmers of America Foundation has produced a 320 page book on Minnesota FFA from the beginning.

It's really a great book that many farmers, FFA's as well as present members should have as part of their personal library. The book can be purchased for \$7.50 from the nearest high school FFA Chapter or by filling out the form below.

MAFLAS highly recommends this book and urges you to take advantage of this offer.

Mail To:

Minnesota FFA Association
Attn: Paul M. Day
Vocational Division—Ag. Education
Capitol Sq. Bldg.—550 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

I'd like to order _____ copies of the **Minnesota FFA - From the Beginning: Pictorial Chronology** at \$7.95 per copy.

Name _____ FFA Chapter _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make check payable to: Minnesota FFA

(Add \$1.00 for postage and handling if not picked up at the 1983 State Convention)



Loral I. Delaney, Boom Boom Brown and Kathy Flynn.



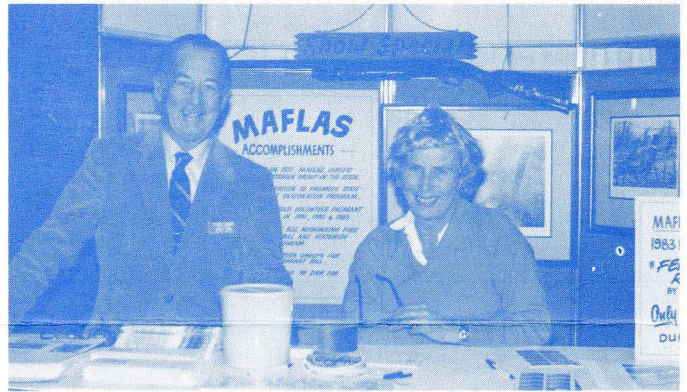
Lucky Vern with his plaque and well wisher.



Mick Tinglehoff with lucky winner of 12 gauge Remington shotgun.



Honored guest Sportsman of the Year Vern Gagne and Loral I. Delaney, Honored guest Sportswoman of the Year.



Don Ledin, Ex. Dir. and Glenna Price working in MAFLAS booth at Northwest Sport Show—March-April, 1983.



Landowner of the Year—Chuck Walters and Bob Crepeau.



Honored guest Artist of the Year—Kathy Flynn and Pat Richie.

March 3rd Dinner Radisson South, Bloomington

The Minnesota Association of Farmers, Landowners and Sportsmen (MAFLAS) Wild Game Dinner was held March 3rd at the Radisson South in Bloomington, proved to be the most successful event to date.

Under the guidance of chairman, Pat Richie, MAFLAS members were treated to an excellent dinner and a very entertaining evening headlined by Vern Gagne, Bob Lurtsema, Bill Brown, Dave Osborne and Mick Tingelhoff.

Two prominent young ladies both outstanding in their respective fields were presented plaques by MAFLAS. Loral I. Delaney, Anoka was honored as Guest Sportswoman of the year and Kathy Flynn, Apple Valley was honored as MAFLAS artist of the year.

Al Dornish, Minneapolis wildlife artist unveiled the third annual painting for the 1983 pheasant stamp which was entitled "Fence Row Refuge". Also honored and presented with plaques were Vern Gagne, Honored Guest Sportsman of the year; Harlan Yager, Farmer of the year; and Chuck Walters, Minneapolis, Landowner of the year.

President Bob Crepeau presented the D.N.R. with another \$1000 check for pheasant habitat improvement.

Senator Steve Novak, New Brighton, chief author of Senate File No. 47 (State Pheasant Stamp Bill) presented a short talk on the status of the bill and expressed his appreciation to the MAFLAS members who originated the bill.

MAFLAS is very appreciative of the nineteen wildlife artists who donated twenty-six prints and other art work and also the many donors who supported this event by contributing over one hundred and ten prizes which were distributed to guests during the evening.

Well done Pat—you and your committee deserve the thanks of the entire MAFLAS membership.

DNR Has Boat Access Maps For The State

Maps showing boat access sites to state lakes are now available from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 55 Minnesota counties.

The maps, which are free, show boaters and anglers the location of more than 1,900 sites where trailered boats may be launched into public waters.

You can receive an order form for these maps by calling the Minnesota Travel Information Center at 296-5029. Those outside of the Twin Cities metro area should call the toll free number 1-800-652-9747 and ask for "Travel Information".

An order form for the maps can be obtained from the same source, Maps can also be requested by writing: DNR Trails and Waterways, Box 52, Centennial Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. A maximum of five maps can be ordered by an individual.



GOVERNOR SIGNS PHEASANT BILL

Left to right: Robert Crepeau, Don Ledin, Pat Richie, Rep. Willard Munger, Sen. Steve Novak, Rep. Dave Battaglia, Sen. Collin Peterson, Gov. Rudy Perpich, Rep. John Rose, Dennis Anderson, Sen. Charles Berg, Milt Price, Jeff Finden, Rep. Daniel Knuth, and Ted Shields.

Wildlife Art Show To Feature 65 Minnesota Artists

Minneapolis, June 1983—One of the country's largest wildlife art exhibits, featuring nearly 1000 paintings, sculptures, and woodcarvings by 65 Minnesota artists, will be at Dayton's in downtown Minneapolis, July 30 and August 1, 2, and 3. The show is not open Sunday, July 31.

This popular show is a fund-raiser for the Minnesota Wildlife Heritage Foundation (MWHF), a non-profit organization which strives to acquire wildlife habitat by channeling gifts of land, money, or other valuables to the state system of Wildlife Management Areas.

The exhibition will be in Dayton's 8th Floor Auditorium. The show is open to the public and free during regular store hours: Saturday and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The first Minnesota Wildlife Art Show was held in 1977. It is estimated that approximately 25,000 people view the show each year.

(Letter)

May 19, 1983

Mr. Don Ledin, Executive Director
MN Association of Farmers,
Landowners and Sportsmen
490 No. Snelling Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Don:

I must take this opportunity to officially acknowledge receipt of your recent donation to the department (two checks totaling \$2,000) for pheasant habitat improvement.

Please convey my sincerest appreciation to the MAFLAS membership for this contribution.

Yours truly,
(signed)
Joseph N. Alexander
Commissioner

How To Know You Are Growing Older

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bi-focals.

You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

You get winded playing cards.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club and don't go.

A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest.

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

You are wondering why more people aren't using this size print.

1983 Dues Are Now Due

Those members who attended the September 9th dinner at the St. Paul Athletic Club are paid up for 1983, so the dues notice will not apply to them.

One problem we are experiencing in the St. Paul office are letters returned to us because a member has moved during the past year. So **please** send any change of address in to us.

The dues structure is as follows —

Individual Membership\$10.00
Junior Membership (under 18) 5.00
Club & Organizations 1.00

per member
with a minimum of \$25.00 and a maximum of \$200.00

Sustaining Membership100.00
Entitled to unframed repro of Kouba's 1958-59 Duck Stamp (Framed—add \$80.00)

Life Membership250.00
Entitled to signed and numbered print.

Charter Member500.00
Entitled to framed, signed and numbered reproduction of Kouba's 1958-59 Federal Duck Stamp

Please renew your membership **today**—and also try to get a friend to join MAFLAS.

Prints For Sale — by MAFLAS

	Price	Mailing
1. 1982 Pheasant Print and Stamp "A Legacy in Season" by Ken Zylla	\$ 35.00	\$4.00
2. 1983 Pheasant Print and Stamp "Fenceline Refuge" by Al Dornish	35.00	4.00
3. 1958-59 Federal Duck Stamp Design by Les Kouba	150.00	4.00
4. 1981, 1982 or 1983 Pheasant Stamps	5.00 each	

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